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■ RECREATION

Support for Riehl skatepark

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

"A park for Isaac Riehl helps the community heal."

Those were the words yelled by a small group of supporters of the Isaac Riehl Skate Park who stood at Harold Black Park during a peaceful protest June 7.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Friends and family gathered Friday afternoon to peacefully protest the Branscombe family's decision to reject the Town of Pelham's proposal to build a skatepark in memory of Isaac Riehl at Harold Black Park. Pictured from left, Kelly Stuart, Max Schwartz, Ioya Rhhei, Chris Holmes, Cheryl Schwartz, Mark Brain, Bonita Riehl, Olivia Schwartz and Lyndsey Rusk.

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■ **RECREATION:** Designs to be made public before end of the month

Riehl skatepark now to be built at Marlene Stewart Streit Park

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

One of Isaac Riehl's best friends says this is not what Isaac would have wanted.

But constructing the Isaac Riehl Skate Park at Marlene Stewart Streit Park is the next best thing.

"I like the spot. This park can be transformed and it can become a beautiful thing," said Reese Ashbee, a close friend of Isaac.

The skatepark is to be constructed in memory of the ninth-grader who was struck by a car while longboarding on Foss Rd. last year. The youth later died as a result of his injuries.

SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

The Isaac Riehl Skate Park will be built in Marlene Stewart Streit Park if council approves it on June 17.

Plans for the skatepark were put on hold when the Branscombe family rejected the town's proposal to build the skate park at Harold Black Park. The family donated the lands to the Town of Pelham in 1982. As per the agreement, the land could be used for a public park, but it can't have any structures otber than tennis courts, baseball diamonds, soccer and football fields. A skatepark is not called for in the agreement.

Town staff were unaware of these legal provisions which became publicly known in May during a neigbbourhood and user skatepark design meeting. When the Pelham News reached the Branscombe family to talk about the agreement, they provided no comment.

A committee comprising Isaac's parents, residents and local skate boarders met last week, Wednesday, to come up with a new location. Its recommendation must receive town council approval during June 17 meeting.

Ashbee was among the 15 people who helped decide where the park should go.

The teen said he was heartbroken to learn the memorial skate park wouldn't be built at Harold Black Park because it's where he and Isaac spent a lot of time and has special meaning.

"It (Harold Black Park) is close to me and it's close to Isaac," he said.

But if Isaac were here, Ashbee said, his friend would love the idea of the skate park in Pelham.

"It's not what we hoped for and it wasn't what Isaac would have wanted," Isaac's mom, Bonita Riehl said.

However, Riehl said her mind was changed about the new location because it will undergo a revitalization and beautification as part of the town's downtown cultural master plan. The park's washroom facilities are also expected to be updated this year.

Ted Riehl said be wanted to see the park in memory of his son become a significant place in the community.

"I want this to become a feature in the park and a very important part of the town," he said.

With improvements planned for the park, and no immediate neighbours that would be impacted by the skate park, Marlene Stewart Streit Park could become a focal point for downtown Fonthill, be said.

■ **ISAAC**

Council to vote on new location

FROM PAGE 1

Isaac's friends and family gathered at the park at 4 p.m. to raise awareness of the skatepark.

Cheryl Schwartz, whose son was a friend of Isaac's, said the protest was held to show the Branscombe family that the community was in support of a skatepark in memory of Isaac Riehl in Pelham.

The ninth-grader was struck by a car while longboarding on Foss Rd. last year. He died days later as a result of his injuries.

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A meeting was held this past Wednesday which allowed residents, local skateboarders and Isaac's family and friends choose a new location. Marlene Stewart Streit Park was selected. The recommendation requires approval during the June 17 town council meeting before design plans can continue.

Schwartz said she finalized plans for the protest late Wednesday evening in response to the news a new location was needed.

Sbe said the protest — it attracted nine people — was a way to show the Branscombe family the disappointment the community feels about not being allowed to construct tbe skatepark where Isaac and his friends spent a lot of their time.

Skatepark supporters are wondering why the Branscombe family haven't publicly spoken about the land agreement for the park, Schwartz said.

The Branscombes have not commented on the matter to the media.

About the protest, Schwartz said the goal to let people know the skatepark is important and it will still be built.

"We're not trying to disrespect anyone. We're here to fight for Isaac's legacy and that we stand bebind it."

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■ ST ANN:

St. Ann students celebrate in May

For PelhamNews

St. Ann students celebrated Catholic Education Week during the month of May, and this year's theme was Growing Together in Faith.

The week began with the Grade 2 students celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations and God bless them all.

As a school we celebrated mass together, participated in an outdoor living rosary and the Grade 3 class presented French plays at Seaway Mall. We finished the week with Grandparents Day and our school was filled with the young and the young at heart.

Grandparents and their grandchildren enjoyed reading, playing cards and chess, going for nature walks and watching performances in the gym. Thank you to all those who came out to celebrate out Catholic Education.

T'is the season for baseball, skipping and track and field. Our senior girls and boys baseball teams competed in the board tournament and brought home another banner to hang in the gym.

The entire school got a chance to go out and participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Students collected pledges for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and then enjoyed the sunshine and some skipping. We surpassed last year's total and had lots of fun along the way.

We held our annual school track and field meet to help select a team to compete at the board track and field meet next month. On a beautiful spring day the students ran, jumped and threw their best. A big thank you goes out to all the students for their participation and to all the staff who helped the make the day such a success.

As we finish the month of May and begin the month of June, the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are working diligently to complete the Education Quality and Accountability Office testing. The Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessment tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills of the primary and junior division.

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From left, St. Ann students Ryan Culig and Colin deRoos play games with their grandparents during Grandparent Day.

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St. Ann student Colin deRoos jumps to raise awareness for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation.

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Students Michael Lilley, Trevor Lachnit, Owen Metler, David John Gillies, Joshua deRoos, Schuyler Vandewert and Joseph Kita celebrate a successful day participating in track and field.

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We've all spent time in Stupidville

IAN GILLESPIE
QMI Agency

You can blame the students.

You can blame the parents of the students, as Fanshawe College president Howard Rundle seemed to suggest during Monday's news conference when he wondered about "the values that some of these people have when they came to our city or our college."

You can blame the booze — and society's benign acceptance and even celebration of it.

You can blame the ghetto-like "student enclave" of young people crammed into rental housing on and around Fleming Dr.

You can blame, as Ward 3 city councillor Joe Swan suggested to me, the lack of power that police can wield when it comes to a party on private property. ("I had calls from residents at three o'clock in the afternoon that the storm clouds were gathering," said Swan. "And there was a strong police presence, but they seemed unable to act because most of the gathering was on private property.")

You can blame the absentee landlords. You can blame the weather.

You can blame the Irish. (It was, after all, St. Patrick's Day).

Heck, you can blame the disintegration of the family, the decline of Western civilization and the recent solar flares.

There's no shortage of things to blame for Saturday's deplorable melee near Fanshawe College — an event that has become almost as dependable as hay fever or Halloween.

But maybe the blame game is the wrong way to go.

Maybe we need to reluctantly recognize that the kind of mass idiocy we witnessed this past weekend is as natural and ingrained as the instinct to eat, sleep and reproduce.

Maybe we need to admit there's nothing surprising about what happened on Fleming Dr. — or "Stupidville," as I suggest it be called — and that all of us are hardwired for this kind of "group brain" behaviour.

Dr. Elisabeth Zoffmann, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia, presented a paper on this topic last year at an International Academy of Mental Health and the Law conference in Berlin.

Zoffmann suggested that in large crowds, the brain's primitive limbic system takes over.

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■ EDITORIAL

It's time for Horwath to pull plug

Paging Andrea Horwath. Paging Andrea Horwath. Where are you, Ms. Horwath? Your province needs you.

The New Democratic leader was nowhere to be seen at Queen's Park, in the wake of Information and Privacy Commisioner Ann Cavoukian's scathing report on how senior staff in former premier Dalton McGuinty and former energy minister Chris Bentley's offices deleted their entire e-mail inbox before quitting Queen's Park.

Now two Tory MPPs, Vic Fedeli and Rob Leone, are asking the OPP to probe whether there was a "theft of government property," associated with those deletions. But it's Horwath's silence that's raising most questions. Why is she continuing to prop up a government that has, time and again, betrayed the people's trust?

The only way to defeat a government provincially is on a money bill. There's still a budget vote to come. If Horwath is as truly outraged as she professes to be about the deleted e-mails, she'd vote to get rid of this scandal-plagued government. If she doesn't, she risks being tainted by it. It's her last opportunity for a year to bring down the government.

QMI photo

NDP leader Andrea Horwath.

The more this sorry tale of cover-up and collusion rolls out, the more you hear the W word: Watergate. It's not so much the original offence that brings down the government, it's the cover-up.

Premier Kathleen Wynne's ploy is to blame it on McGuinty. "Those were decisions that were made by other people in other conversations and I wasn't part of those conversations," she told reporters Thursday.

Well, nice try, but it doesn't work like that. Former Tory premier Ernie Eves was held to account for everything his predecessor, premier Mike Harris did.

Why? Because he was part of that government. Just as Wynne was an intrinsic part of the McGuinty government.

She praised McGuinty to the highest heavens when she was running for the leadership. She can't shrug off that legacy now.

Let me remind you of what Cavoukian's report says: First, regarding Craig MacLennan, chief of staff to two energy ministers, who deleted e-mails because, be said, he liked a "clean inbox."

"The fact that any member of a minister's political staff would think it appropriate to delete all e-mail records, without exercising any judgment regarding the content of those records and the possible need to retain them pursuant to the applicable retention schedules is, quite frankly, unbelievable."

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■ COLUMN: E-Mom

Small town living

JESSICA SRIVASTRAVA

It's been yet another great business week.

The bulk of my time has been spent developing connections outside of the Niagara Region. Given the recent press about the dire state of our Region, I suspect most people would not find this a surprising fact.

I have always struggled with living in a small town. I was born and raised in the crazy city of Calcutta, India and then grew up just outside London, England. To say Fonthill is the polar opposite to these would be an understatement.

Srivastava

I absolutely love going to Toronto and actually have the opportunity to work on a project based up there, but in the last few months as I ponder the looming empty nest situation, I have found myself wavering in favour of small town life.

I'm sitting on my deck writing this, surrounded by the tall maple trees that are such an icon of old Fonthill. As I cleaned my driveway today, I stopped and chatted with many neighbours and a couple whose kids I coached in soccer many moons ago.

I love that I can walk into town and buy my groceries, a bottle of wine, or get advice from our local hardware store. I can enjoy a gelato, jazz at our local café, our market, our many summer festivals and even dance the night away at our funky restaurant/bar.

This is a community; a fact that has been proven over and over. Maybe we have a changing demographic; maybe there are more people moving in form cities afar, but fundamentally, Fonthill has always somehow, a midst its many dramas, always pulled through as a community. And I guess this gypsy is coming to realize this really is home. So yes, business may occur outside my area, but I'm back teaching at Brock University in July, and looking forward to my summer in my little island in Pelham.

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■ GILLESPIE

Nothing abnormal about being stupid?

FROM PAGE 4

The result? People in mobs — like the Stanley Cup riots in Vancouver last year — stop thinking rationally, become overwhelmed by emotion and act impulsively.

She's not saying this is good; she's just saying there's nothing abnormal about it.

I think it might be helpful if we abandoned our knee-jerk self-righteousness (including the view that today's young people are morally depraved morons) and tried to be a bit more honest with ourselves.

I'll go first.

I'm a responsible, law-abiding husband, father and community member. But when I was 22, I liked parties. And if I'd had six or eight or 10 beers (which, back then, wouldn't have been inconceivable) and a boisterous crowd started to gather in the street, I'd have showed up, too (probably in the front row.)

And if (back then) somebody lit a bonfire and started tossing bottles, mattresses and hunks of wood into the flames, well, I might've hurled something, too.

At the very least — like the vast majority of revellers on Saturday night — I would've watched.

I'm not condoning this idiocy. I'm just admitting that I was once a rent-paying resident of Stupidville.

And if we're honest, a lot of us will recall living there, too.

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A berry good time

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The Fonthill Lioness will be selling strawberry shortcake at the Pelham Farmers Market on June 20. Pictured from left, Enid Gatcke and Lorraine Metler prepared last year's tasty offering of strawberry shortcake. (Supplied Photo)

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PUBLIC SAFETY: St. John Ambulance stages drill with Pelham firefighters, Welland SPCA

Eight victims tended to in mock car wreck

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The Niagara Falls branch of St. John Ambulance staged a car crash beside Old Pelham Town Hall as a training exercise to help teach medical first response volunteers to work with firefighters, police and other community partners.

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VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

Painful screams and cries for help could be heard as a man begged medical first responders to save him.

The cries were part of an act.

But the rescue efforts were real.

The Niagara Falls branch of St. John Ambulance staged a crash beside Old Pelham Town Hall last week, Monday, to help train its volunteers.

Deputy chief community service officer Brandon Collison organized the drill and invited Pelham firefighters, Niagara police auxiliary and an animal control officer to the scene of the single-vehicle wreck with eight victims.

"We really wanted to involve as many agencies as possible because we work with them all the time and the more we learn to communicate the smoother things go," Collison said.

The scenario: A car with two passengers wrapped itself around a tree and one man was pinned between the car and the tree. A man walking his dog, a pregnant woman, and two other young women have been struck by the car. The dog became agitated and bit someone who attempted to help.

Medical first responders arrived at 7:30 p.m. and started performing triage duties to determine which victims needed immediate attention. Firefighters arrived to extract victims from the car and help with victim transport shortly after.

Medical responders and firefighters were unable to open any of the car doors and worked together to keep victims in the car stable. Fire crews broke the windows, cut the windshield out and used the Jaws of Life to cut the roof and driver side door off the car before any of the actors in the vehcile could be extricated.

It took more than 30 emergency service personnel more than an hour to free victims from the car.

St. John Ambulance executive director Kait Beuch said the exercise gives everyone the experience they need to make the realities of a collision go smoothly.

"We all respond and we all have our areas of responsibility and it's wonderful to see the camaraderie and communication that develops between the parties."

Ryan Huurman, an animal control officer from Welland and District SPCA, assisted in the simulation by subduing the dog.

"(In certain situations) officers have been called out by the fire department to get the animals out of a car or building before they can assist victims," he said.

Matthew Rate, St. John unit chief of the medical first response division, said the experience gives everyone a chance to get to know other first responders and how they work before the pressure is really on.

"We work with allied agencies all the time and it's good to practise so we can understand how they do things and they can understand how we do things," he said.

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It's never too early to start thinking about Pelham's summer fun festival! Check out www.pelhamsummerfest.ca for updates. Art show, vendor and sponsorship applications are now available online.

Notices & Reminders

Join the Communities in Bloom Committee!
Both Town committees are looking for interested members! To join or for more information, contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 341.

Book the Arena Hall or Old Pelham Town Hall for your next function or event!
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List Your Business in the Town of Pelham Recreation, Culture & Wellness Guide
Fill out a business directory information card with the Town of Pelham by visiting Town Hall or contact 905-892-2607, ext. 315.

Keep Pelham Streets "Lit"
Report any problems you notice with Town streetlights to Public Works at (905) 892-2607, ext. 332. Please remember to provide the pole number for the hydro utility to investigate.

Reminder for Dog Owners
Please note that in accordance with By-Law 97-2010, dog owners and walkers are required to remove all feces left behind on private or public property. Please remember to be responsible and stoop and scoop!

Open Air Burning Permit
Please note open air burning requires a permit at a cost of $20 annually. Pick up yours at Pelham Fire Station #1, 1177 Highway #20 West, Fonthill. For more information, contact (905) 892-3943.

Keep Your Summer CO Free
In the summertime, carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible,odourless, poisonous gas, can build up in your cottage, tent, garage, camper, boat cabin or RV, when you use your gas stove, propane heater, kerosene lantern, fireplace or other fuelburning appliances. Protect yourself by installing CO alarms and frequently testing them and their batteries.

■ CRIME

Machete home invasion leads to drugs on Canboro Rd.

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff

Three arrests have been made after a Pelham home invasion last week, Wednesday, involving a machete led Niagara Regional Police to a marijuana grow-op.

At about 8:40 p.m., two masked men forcibly entered a Canboro Rd. home.

One of the intruders allegedly assaulted the male homeowner with a machete, but the attack was interrupted by the homeowner's two dogs.

The intruders then fled the area in a vehicle. Niagara Regional Police located the vehicle and suspects in Welland within minutes. Neither the homeowner, nor the dogs suffered any injury.

Following the incident, the NRP's guns, gangs and grows unit executed a search warrant on the Pelham home where the invasion occurred and discovered a marijuana-growing operation in the basement.

The home was targeted by the intruders because of the drugs, said Const. Derek Watson.

Police seized $21,000 in marijuana, $2,500 in growing equipment and a sawed-off shotgun, Watson said.

Justin Cyopeck, 18, and Kenneth Moorehead, 22, both of Welland, are charged with break, enter and intent, assault with a weapon and disguise with intent.

Jayson Lostracco, 31, of Pelham, is charged with possession of a controlled substance, production of a controlled substance and possession of a prohibited weapon.

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■ MUSIC: Thursday night concerts in Peace Park begins

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Jonesy will kick off the Thursday Night Concerts in Peace Park June 20.

Jonesy to kick off summer concert series

For PelhamNews

It was on St. Patrick's day in 2004 when Jonesy played its first show together.

Once the first note was played, the band and the crowd both knew that something special was taking place. This was no ordinary band. From that first show to every single one since, one thing has remained constant: Jonesy are not just a part of the party, they are the party.

Jonesy is made up of five unique personalities from the Niagara Region. Each member has been involved with various musical projects throughout their lives, some starting at a very young age. The name Jonesy was guitarist Paul Lalama's idea, respectively. No one really knows the true meaning of the name. Paul himself might not even know.

And these boys have cred. Scott Neilson, the powerhouse singer who many have compared to U2's Bono, has shared the stage with big-name acts like Bryan Adams. What does Jonesy sound like? Take The Killers, throw in a dash of Coldplay, and top it off with a mix of U2 and Franz Ferdinand and you get the idea. Jonesy, in a relatively short time, has already become a buzz word across Ontario. The year 2004 proved to be an amazing first year, and 2005 even better- as the band played it's biggest gig yet- rocking for 50,000 people on New Years Eve in Niagara Falls. 2013 and Jonesy is still going strong.

Individual Jonesy members have won many radio station home-grown contests including Mix.99.9 and 97.7 htz fm. Keep your ears and eyes on these boys. They have already worked with some of the industries best- including David Kahne (Paul McCartney, Sublime), Arnold Lanni (Simple Plan, Our Lady Peace), and David Tyson (Celine Dion, Alanah Myles), who co-wrote and produced Jonesy's Undone.

The future looks very bright for Jonesy, who will be appearing at the Fonthill Bandshell Concert Series on June 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information about Jonesy, and other musicians and bands featured in this year's concert series, visit www.fonthillbandshell.com.

Changes to Tax Numbers for Bill Payments

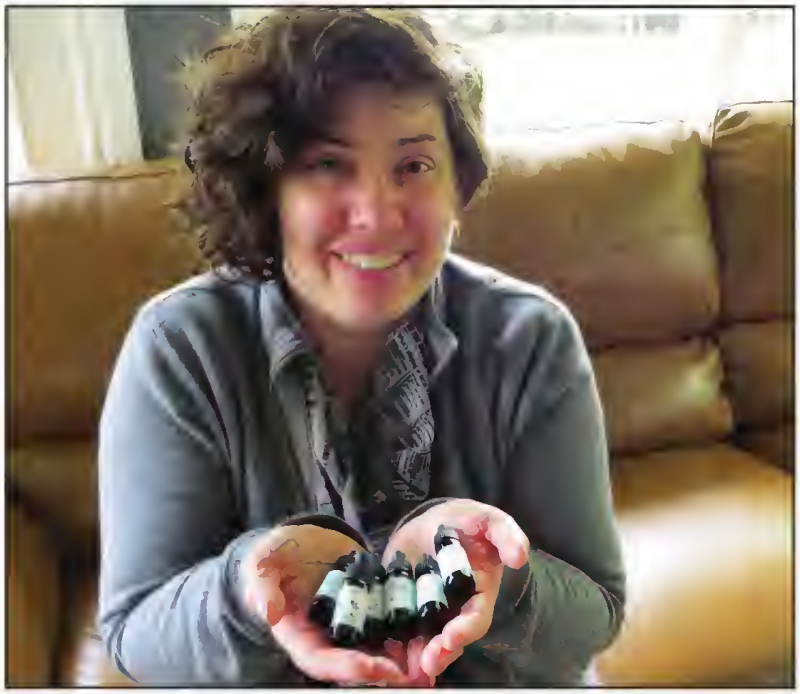
The Town of Pelham has implemented a new financial management system and the tax account numbers that residents use for tax payments have changed.

TOWN OF PELHAM

Effective immediately all ratepayers are required to use their roll number as their account number for telephone, internet, and ATM bill payments with the Town of Pelham.

The Town is working with each ratepayer's bank to automatically change the account number for those who are on pre-authorized payment (PAP) or who use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for bill payments.

■ CRAFTS



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Erin Snow is organizing the Heirlooms Artisan Market where she will sell some of her natural bath and body products. The show will be held at Vermeers Garden Centre and Flower Shop June 14 and 15.

Niagara artists featured in heirlooms market

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Nestled in between the flowers at Vermeers Garden Centre, a group of artists will sell a wide variety of one-of-a-kind paintings, jewelry, and crafts.

About 50 artists, many of them from the Niagara region and a handful coming as far from Toronto and Oakville, will have their work for sale at the Heirlooms Artisan Market on Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15, says organizer Erin Snow.

All of the artists featured in the show, are juried, and only sell high quality items. The show will have everything that can be imagined, Snow says. Items up for grabs at the sbow include jewelry, pottery, purses, clothing, bath and body items, candles, paintings, children's items and quilts.

"There is a maximum of five vendors for each category, so everything will be different," Snow says.

"Because there is a limit on how many vendors can sell items, everything is really unique."

The artist, who makes organic bath and body products, says she organized the event because there wasn't the right venue for her to sell her items.

Snow creates bath salts, perfumes, lotions with a beeswax base and lavender as well as essential oils. She also will create custom items for people who ask

"There is a high demand for this stuff, I just needed to get the right people at the event."

Admission to the Heirloom Artisan Market is free but donations to benefit Pelham Cares will be accepted.

The show will be held on June 14 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about the market visit www.heirloomshow.blogspot.ca.

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■ TOURISM

Pelham is part of the south coast

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

There's an old saying: "There's no 'I' in team."

That saying rings true for the South Coast Tourism Association, a marketing organization that aims to promote tourism experiences including events, arts and culture across south Niagara by encouraging municipalities to pool their resources.

During last week's town council meeting Mayor Dave Augustyn met with representatives from Fort Erie, Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet on May 23 in Ridgeway to witness the unveiling of the project.

Augustyn said the goal of the association is to see the five municipalities work together to highlight south Niagara as a tourism destination.

"As we look ahead to something like Summerfest, we're putting out our own promotional materials," he said Tuesday in an interview.

By working together with other municipalities through co-operative marketing and initiatives in south Niagara, other events, such as Port Colborne's Canal Days or Fort Erie's Friendship Festival could be highlighted with Pelham's summer events, he added.

"This (the South Coast Tourism Association) would be a cross-benefit for tourism. Right now, everyone is out there on their own. This association will spread the word better about tourism."

A report with more information about how the South Coast Tourism Association will have an impact on Pelham and the rest of south Niagara will be brought before town council in the coming months, Augustyn said.

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■ TRAFFIC

Town addressing sticky situation

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Traffic problems at the corner of Pelham St. and Pancake Lane will go under the microscope.

After receiving a number of letters from concerned parents and children, council has directed town staff to conduct a new study looking at traffic along the busy street as well as have a conversation to identify safe ways for school children who attend nearby Glynn A. Green School and other pedestrians to cross the street.

Town staff initially recommended that traffic signals not be installed at Pelham St. and Pancake Lane because of future improvements that will be made to Pelham St.

Instead, town staff recommended part of the traffic signal budget be used to improve lights at Pelham St., and Quaker Rd., which are in need of repair.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley suggested painting a crosswalk sign and position a crossing guard at the intersection to help students cross the street.

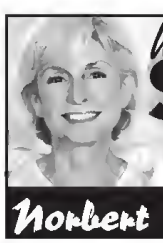
Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said he supported staff's recommendation because of future construction and revitalization on the street. He said he wasn't sure if adding a traffic signal, only to tear it up "a few years later" was ideal.

"A lot of things are happening on that route right now. Exploring a crosswalk is not out of the realm of possibilities," he said.

Ward 2 Coun. Catharine King said she would support the staff recommendation with some hesitation.

"We've heard an awful lot of input from parents and children of Glynn A. Green and a significant number of residents from Pelham St. I'm disappointed that consideration has not been taken in the report."

King said a traffic study, which was completed in 2009, could not be relied on to show how much traffic the road sees.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IN BRIEF

GREEN FLAG GIVEN

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin has asked Pelham council to support the construction of the Canadian Motor Speedway in Fort Erie.

The project is on hold while the Ontario Municipal Board deliberates an appeal on the project.

Councillors agreed to show their support by writing Premier Kathleen Wynn to accelerate the process.

CONCERN ABOUT PASSPORT

Pelham council agreed to endorse Community Living Welland and Pelham in lobbying the provincial government to raise awareness for issues with the Passport program, which provides support for children and adults with cognitive disabilities.

TRIO ARRESTED IN PORT

PORT COLBORNE — Three people were arrested Thursday after Niagara Regional Police spotted a wanted man leaving a Decew St. residence in Port Colborne and getting into a vehicle.

A traffic stop subsequently led to the arrest of one male. Jeremy McGilvery was arrested and charged with failing to comply with an undertaking.

Police then attended the Decew St. residence and executed a search warrant.

One male was located inside and arrested without incident. A second male was arrested a short distance away after a brief foot pursuit. Charged with theft under $5,000 is Jeffery Boston of Port Colborne. Charged with failing to appear for court is Gordon Thurston, also of Port Colborne.

CHANGES TO JAIL CRIME

THOROLD — At first glance, it could look like violent crimes are getting more common at the Niagara Detention Centre.

But an increase in charges — and Niagara Regional Police news releases about them — are more the result of a change in the way crimes are investigated at the Thorold prison, according to the NRP.

The police service issued a news release Thursday saying 22-year-old inmate Brandon Tracey had been charged with assault causing bodily harm.

NRP Const. Derek Watson said Friday police can now lay charges regardless of whether the victim wants them to be laid.

The change came after consultation with the Crown attorney's office and the detention centre, which falls under jurisdiction of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Watson said in the past, charges were often difficult to lay if the victims didn't want to get involved.

"Within the last few weeks the changes took place," he said.

FRESH AIR: Underprivileged kids to visit Niagara as part of Fresh Air Fund

Familes are needed to host inner city kids

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff

It could be as easy as lighting a campfire, sitting under the stars, or even riding a bike down the street.

It's those simple pleasures of small-town life tbat youngsters visiting Niagara through the Fresh Air Fund often enjoy most.

> **"The simple pleasures we take for granted are an event for them."**
>
> *Laura-Ann Morris*

Through the program, underprivileged cbildren aged six to 18 are bused from the five boroughs of New York City to experience life outside of the Big Apple. Communities in 13 northeastern states and Ontario, including Niagara, participate.

The experience is a breath of fresh air — both for the youths who escape the hustle and bustle of big city life, and for the local host families who welcome them into their homes, said Laura-Ann Morris, who oversees the program in south Niagara.

With summer just around the bend, the call is being put out for families interested in participating in the program in the coming months.

"It costs no more than an extra potato at dinner," Morris said, as the only funds families can expect to front are for the extra mouth to feed at the table.

She stressed that families needn't plan extravagant outings to keep their young visitors entertained.

"The simple pleasures we take for granted are an event for them," she said, such as a trip to the beach or picnic at the park. Morris would know. Her family has hosted several Fresh Air children successfully over the years, many coming for return visits.

"We don't have a lot. You don't need a lot. Just an open heart," she said.

"You never know when you'll make a difference in a child's life."

Five dates, the first quickly approaching on July 2, have been set for the youngsters to arrive to their temporary Niagara homes.

For more information or to apply to become a Fresh Air host family, call Morris at 905-835-2896.

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WANT TO HELP?

What you need to know about becoming a Fresh Air Fund host family (www.freshair.org):

Children on first-time visits are six to 12 years old and stay for one or two weeks.

Children re-invited by host families may continue with the Fresh Air Fund through age 18, and may enjoy extended trips.

More than 65% of all children are re-invited to stay with their host families, year after year.

Fresh Air children are registered by more than 90 participating social service and community organizations in the five boroughs of New York City.

Host families may request the age and gender of the Fresh Air youngster they would like to host.

The Fresh Air Fund has a program for placing children who have special physical or emotional needs.

The Fresh Air Fund provides transportation for children to and from volunteer communities and will pay any medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Liability insurance is provided for hosts and committee volunteers.

In every volunteer community, there is a volunteer committee and chairperson responsible for publicizing the program, screening applications, checking references, interviewing families in their homes and approving new hosts.

VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Sherry Wilkenson Marchant, back left, and Joseph Marchant have hosted children from the Fresh Air Fund, which gives children from inner-city New York a chance to see what it's like to live outside the city, for 13 years, but for the last four their daughter Kayli Hughes, front left, has become like a sister to Jaylene Fonseca from the Bronx.

■ GARAGE SALE

Selling garages full of childhood treasures for knowledge

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhameNews Staff

Devon Lawrence believes the education he received at Maple Crest Early School helped make him the smart young man he is today.

The 10-year-old started attending preschool there and didn't leave until he finished Grade 1.

"I had such a great experience there," he said. "The teachers really made learning fun."

He enjoyed his time there so much that he joined the school's alumni group and continues to go there.

Now that the school is moving to Hwy. 20 he wants to help them grow by raising money for its building foundation.

> **"I may not know all the kids who go to (Maple Crest) now, but I want them to have a great experience there like I did."**
>
> *Devon Lawrence*

Lawrence and about 10 other Maple Crest alumni are hosting a garage sale to raise money for the foundation on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 11 Ferngate off Welland Rd.in Fonthill.

The students have collected two garages full of children's toys, books, clothes, bikes, movies and more.

There will also be a bake table and lemonade stand to tantalize taste buds while residents shop.

"I may not know all the kids who go (to Maple Crest) now, but I want them to have a great experience there just like I did," he said.

He knows renovations to the building may cost more than he'll ever be able to give them, hut he still wants to help in any way he can because the school touched him in a way he'll never forget.

"The teachers there really made learning feel like you were just having fun," he said.

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Devon Lawrence wants to help Maple Crest Early School grow. He's hosting a garage sale in support of the school's building foundation on Saturday, June 15 at 11 Fern Gate.

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Legion donation

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Royal Canadian Legion branch 613 donated $300 to the Town of Pelham's summer camp program. Pictured from left, camp leader Kameron Kocarik, aquatic supervisor Paul Ferrara, Royal Canadian Legion public relations officer Bernie Law and lifeguard Katie Lewis.

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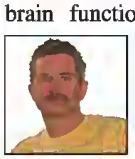

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There are 2 primary options to smoking cessation; Cold Turkey or Medication. There have been many success stories of patients able to quit cold turkey, however it is much more difficult and shown to have an increased rate of relapse. It may be the most cost effective option, but these people suffer greatly from nicotine withdrawal symptoms, which include irritability, anger, restlessness, impatience, difficulty concentrating, depression and anxiety. These symptoms often start just a few hours after the last cigarette and are known to persist for weeks and months. Medications are available to help decrease these withdrawal symptoms, reduce the urge to smoke and help ease the patient to a continued smoke-free life.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is available over-the-counter in 4 forms; gum, patch, inhaler, and lozenge. There are different dosages available which is dependent on the amount of cigarettes the individual smokes. If you have questions regarding which dose you should start on and the proper technique to use the NRT, please speak to your pharmacist for assistance.

NRT provides nicotine in a safe form so the body does not have to endure nicotine withdrawal while a person adapts to not smoking. As opposed to cigarettes, NRT are medications that contain only nicotine and not the other harmful chemicals that are present in cigarettes. NRT is considered a 'step down' approach where the patient is exposed to a gradual decrease in the amount of nicotine in the blood. This enables the body to adjust to the changes in a slow and steady manner and experience less side effects.

The general length of therapy is 12 weeks, however this is NOT set in stone. It is also common practice to combine different forms of NRT such as using the patch and chewing gum. Some common side effects of the NRT include nausea, insomnia and local irritation if using the patch or inhaler.

The most commonly prescribed medication available for smoking cessation is Champix (Varenicline). Champix has recently been shown to have great success for smoking cessation. It works by binding to the same receptors as nicotine, which results in decreased cravings and withdrawal symptoms. Additionally, it decreases the pleasure that people get from smoking making the quitting process that much more effective.

The starting dose is 0.5mg once daily for the first 3 days, then 0.5 mg twice daily for the next 4 days, then 1mg twice daily thereafter. People are on Champix for 12 weeks, however many continue treatment for an additional 12 weeks to prevent smoking relapse. It should be taken with a glass of water with or without food. Common side effects include nausea, trouble sleeping and headache.

Caution: A patient may notice changes in their behavior, feeling depressed, agitated or not themselves. If this does occur, it is important to contact the physician.

Although there are medications and therapeutic options available, the single most important smoking cessation aid is a patients' will and determination to quit. Having confidence and a support system are important for a smoker to kick the habit. Some other options for smoking cessation include hypnosis, counselling (individual and/or group), acupuncture, keeping busy, exercise (joining the gym or a class), or starting a new hobby. Studies have demonstrated that combining medication with advice or behavioural therapy increases the quit rates of up to 6 times. There are many support systems out there and available to help through the difficult time and it is important to know there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

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■ **CYCLING:** Town given silver designation

Pelham recognized for being cyclist friendly

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

Peddlers welcomed a stop to perk up in Pelham.

More than 30 cyclists from Toronto stopped at Cafe on Main last Wednesday morning to take a break on their over 40 km ride from Vineland and back.

Toronto based Barometer Capitol Management hosted the ride for its clients and prospective clients to help build relationships.

Vice president of client development Greg Moore said it's great to stop somewhere that welcomes bikes.

"This is a great way to really get to know people," he said. "They open up more on a bike than in a golf course. So feeling welcome really helps."

Owner of the Cafe, Patti Fagan was the first business in Pelham to sign up for the Welcome Cyclists network to invite travelers to enjoy her business.

"It really does bring in a lot of business and that's what it's all about," she said.

The Town of Pelham wants to welcome all cyclists.

Pelham became the first Canadian town of its size to be named a Bicycle Friendly Community with a silver designation at the 2013 Ontario Bike Summit two weeks ago.

The hidden gem joins cities like, Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo, and Hamilton. No municipality has yet received Gold.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

More than 30 Barometer Capitol Management Inc. employees, clients and prospective clients rode from through Niagara on Wednesday and stopped at Fonthill's first bicycle friendly establishment, Cafe On Main. The group's trainer Naomi Dalle, front, led cyclists Doug Bannister, back left; vice president of client development Greg Moore and client Jimmy Brennan from Vineland to Fonthill and back.

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■ **MUNICIPAL FINANCE:** Cop pay hike, casino reassessment coming into play

Region sets 2% tax increase target

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI
QMI Agency Niagara

THOROLD — There will be no summer of fun for Niagara Region's budget crunchers as they struggle to meet a 2% tax increase limit, despite having more police officers to pay for and fewer tax dollars coming in.

Regional council approved that figure as the target for the 2014 budget. But with a hefty, arbitrator-decided raise for Niagara Regional Police and tax reassessments that reduced revenue coming from both Niagara Falls casinos, meeting that target could be a tough task.

"We've got our work cut out for us this summer," acting CAO Ken Brothers told regional councillors as they hashed out the tax target Thursday night.

Councillors got behind an amendment by Port Colborne Coun. David Barrick that the target should include the police arbitration award, which gave NRP staff a 3.05% raise in 2012.

But Brothers said it doesn't change the target the region will have to meet.

"The anticipation is everyone's going to have to absorb their pressures," he said.

Some departments might go higher or lower, he said, but the budget must balance out to the target when staff return in the fall.

It's still unclear how badly the arbitrator's award will sting the region's finances. The Niagara Regional Police services board will meet next week to learn more.

But Barrick said he did not want the police arbitration forgotten.

"I'd prefer to deal with it on the front end, during the budget process, rather than at the end," he said.

"I don't want this to come back as an unfunded liability, and we heard earlier that it could."

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs suggested it's up to the police services board to tackle that issue.

"It's the police board that's going to have to work on it," he said. "Just like any other department, if there are pressures, they're going to have to come back and make the business case for how to deal with those pressures."

The arbitration is far from the only budget pinch confronting the region.

Acting financial management director Chris McQueen said reassessments of Casino Niagara and Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort took away property assessments worth $384 million.

He said more pain could follow with a raft of large commercial properties up for tax reassessments this year.

Though Niagara's growth is projected to be similar to the 1.2% figure anticipated in 2013, McQueen said the region went with a conservative 0.7% growth figure — a sign of how painful those reassessments might ultimately be.

On the brighter side, McQueen said Niagara is playing catch-up with Ontario and Canada's economies, but it's a quick catch-up. He said employment rose 2.7% from 2011 and 2012 here, while personal income rose 4.1%, ahead of averages for Ontario and Canada alike.

"We may be making up ground and catching up, but despite that the positive takeaway here is Niagara's economy is showing signs of recovery," he said.

He said the region's tax increases — about 5% over the past five years — compare well to other municipalities. But, he said, Niagara's 5.2% growth in that time span is just over half of what other regions experienced. That, he said, amounts to $14 million in growth revenue Niagara couldn't enjoy.

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WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

With budget target in hand, Regional staff will spend their summer hammering out the actual budget. They will come back in the fall and begin laying it out for regional council, with the budget expected to be approved by the end of the year.

■ **OBITUARY:** Mike Credico was 44

John-Michael's owner dies

DON FRASER
QMI Agency Niagara

To his many friends, he was known simply as "Big Mike."

Michelino (Mike) Credico died Saturday at his Niagara Falls home from what a brother says was a suspected heart attack.

He was 44 years old.

Credico, a hospitality businessman, is best known as a founder and co-partner of John-Michael's Banquet and Conference Centre. The popular complex at Upper's Lane off Highway 58 in Thorold opened in 2003.

"Mike was a very outgoing person, I think his heart was bigger than his body," brother Tony Credico said. "He did a lot for charity in the local area, and was a success in the business world."

"He was bigger than life and created many memories (being) basically in hospitality most of his life," he said. "He touched a lot of lives with the parties, weddings and everything else he's provided over the years."

He also had a large community of admirers and well wishers, his brother said, noting his memorial Facebook page "Rest in Peace BIG MIKE Credico" had already reached 3,000 "likes" by Monday afternoon.

"He really was a people person."

Credico, who was born and raised in St. Catharines, was a passionate volunteer with the Niagara Regional Minor Football Association.

In the Niagara business scene, he is remembered for his "eat or we both starve" coffee trucks, and establishments that ranged from The Crazy Coconut, Impaxx Nightclub and Barzooka's Tap and Eatery.

Businessman friend Oscar Turchi of Savoia Hors D'Oeuvres in St. Catharines said he was shocked and saddened by Credico's passing.

"He was a very good man," Turchi said. "He would help everybody, was always in good spirits and was always ready to lend a hand."

He is survived by his wife Sarina and her son Jobnathan. Credico is also dad to John-Michael, whose mother is Paula (Balsom) Credico.

Credico is also survived by parents Giovanni (John) and Maria Credico, siblings Lucy and Tony.

His family will receive friends at the Bocchinfuso Funeral Home, 2 Regent St., Thorold, on Wednesday and Thursday from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Alfred's Cburch, 272 Vine St., in St. Catharines on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

■GRADUATION:

Words of wisdom to live by

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

When Doug Rapelje speaks to hundreds of Brock University graduates during their convocation ceremony, he will bestow upon them words of wisdom.

"Service to humanity is the greatest work in life," Rapelje said.

"But they've got to believe in themselves to make a difference," he added.

Rapelje knows a thing or two about serving others—the Welland resident has dedicated his life to improving the lives of people during their golden years.

The former director of Niagara Region's social services and senior citizen department will be honoured with a honorary degree on June 14, just a few month's sby of his 80th birthday, from the St. Catharines University for his dedication to helping others.

He will also talk about his lifelong passion for improving lives' for seniors so they can stay in their communities long.

Rapelje's journey to help seniors started when he was just 22 years old. He started working at Sunset Haven in Welland. From what he saw, Rapelje didn't approve of the way senior's lived in the old-age home.

"Homes at that time were run as true institutions."

Rapelje said men and women lived in separate quarters, and there was different food for residents and staff.

Rapelje said his goal in his work was to improve the standard of care and respect senior citizens deserve. Because of his efforts, Rapelje helped create the Niagara Model, a model of care for seniors. He has also travelled across North America and abroad to teach other people how to implement the Niagara model.

Since he retired in 1996, Rapelje hasn't slowed down in his efforts. He still continues to advocate for the improvement of seniors' lives.

"Seniors contribute a great deal to society. They provide to the community economically and they play important roles in families," he said.

Brock University will hold eight ceremonies over five days from Tuesday, June 11 through to Saturday, June 15.

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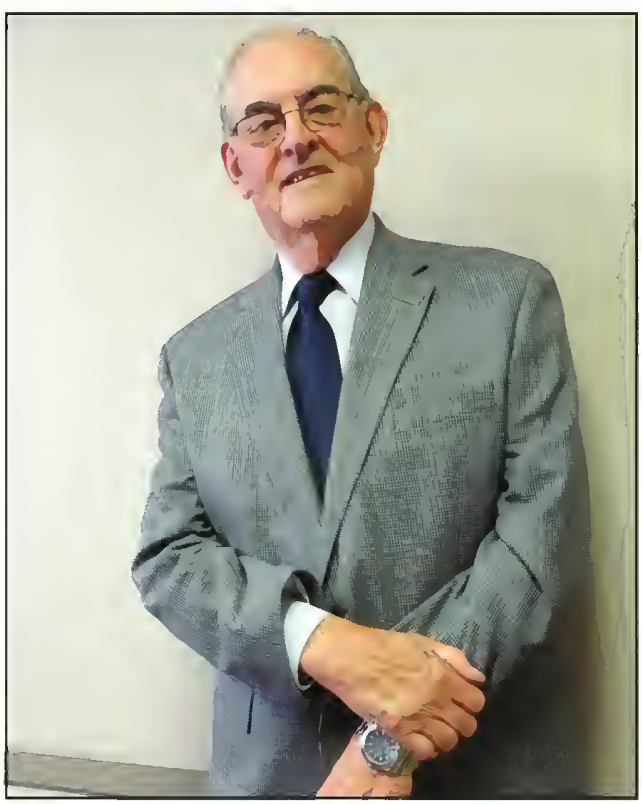

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Doug Rapelje will receive an honorary degree from Brock University this month.

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Instructor John Anderson is in the Festival Room of Pelham Public Library this date with acrylics, Sunday with oils. Fees: $40 a day for members, or $60. Call Mary at 905-892-4625 to preregister.

NEW YORK TIMES
bestselling author Cathy Marie Buchanan visits Pelham Public Library (*The Painted Girls, The Day the Falls Stood Still*) at 7 p.m. Cost $8. Purchase ticket in advance. Part of Greyborders' Niagara Literary Arts Festival.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 19

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln Street, 905-735-1700 ext. 4000. Doors open 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon. Strawberry spinach salad, sandwiches, strawberry shortcake, tea or coffee. Cost: $4 Passholder, $6 non-passholder before June 7, or $6 or $8 by June 14. No tickets at the door.

SATURDAY
JUNE 22

WATER FEATURE TOUR
presented by Hope Centre with Botanix Rice Road Greenhouses, Boldt Pools and Rexroth Bosch Group, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nine exquisite backyards have been chosen to allow you to view ponds, pools, spas and waterfalls in the Pelham-Welland area. There will be a silent bid item at every home. Tickets are $15 available locally at The Hope Centre, 905-788-0744, or Botanix Rice Road Greenhouses, 905-892-5832. Rain or shine.

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SUNDAY
JUNE 23

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MONDAY
JUNE 24

EVENING GARDEN WALK
Hosted by Pelham Horticultural Society, 6:30p.m. to dusk, meet at the Fonthill library for list and location of the gardens. Free for members; $7 for non-members. Refreshments to follow.

THURSDAY
JULY 18

SUMMERFEST OPENER
Thursday, July 18 • 4 pm to 10 pmThe summer event kicks off with a concert at the Bandshell. Also open is the farmers market, Art in the Park and the Summerfest Beer and Wine Garden. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY
JULY 19

PELHAM NIGHT OF ART
Create a Wall of Community Art as part of Summerfest. Teen movie night under Pelham Arches, live music and Summerfest Beer and Wine Garden. 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

SATURDAY
JULY 20

STREET FESTIVAL
Kids' Zone and active zone, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Art in the Park, foot and retail vendors and Summerfest beer pavilion from 10 a.m. to midnight.

SATURDAY
JULY 20

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
and family fun walk wrap up Summerfest activities. Events also include Art in the Park and live music. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ONGOING LISTINGS

WELLAND MUSEUM
Art-of-Fact exhibit on display until July 1. Summer architecture walks begin June 12. Check the museum's website or Facebook page for more info about all our programs and events. Museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE
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PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE
every Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at the REX hotel, King St., Welland, $5 a person. Everyone welcome.

KARAOKE
every Saturday at Moose Lodge, 281 Riverside Dr., Welland, starting 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

VENDORS WANTED
The Guild Hall Makers' Market, 72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne, is held every Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To inquire, call Mary at 905-835-0394 or the church office at 905-834-3184.

CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays at Welland Tennis Club, 45 Hooker St., 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call 905-734-6533.

CALLING ALL FINE ARTISTS
Second annual Art in the Park, juried fine art show, Pelham Peace Park, Fonthill, July 18 to 21. Application forms at www.patriciahaftar.com and at www.pelham-summerfest.com.

WELLAND FRIENDLY CLUB
seniors bingo, every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave. N. Everyone welcome.

WELLAND RIVER KEEPERS
meets the third Tuesday of every month at Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority office, 250 Thorold Rd. W., Welland, third floor, 7 p.m. More info, 905-735-9861.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE
Tuesdays at Royal Canadian Legion, Morningstar Ave., Welland, 7:30 p.m. sharp. Admission is $5, all welcome.

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DROP-IN BRIDGE
Every second Wednesday at Pelham library, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come alone or with a friend. Refreshments. Call ahead for the schedule at 905-892-6443.

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Every second Tuesday through June at Rapelje Lodge, Plymouth Rd., Welland. More info, Vicki 905-384-2294. Support, understanding and open discussions.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, meetings are every second and fourth Thursday of the month at St. Kevin's church (Hospitality Room) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., 303 Niagara St. Call 905-732-3969 for further information.

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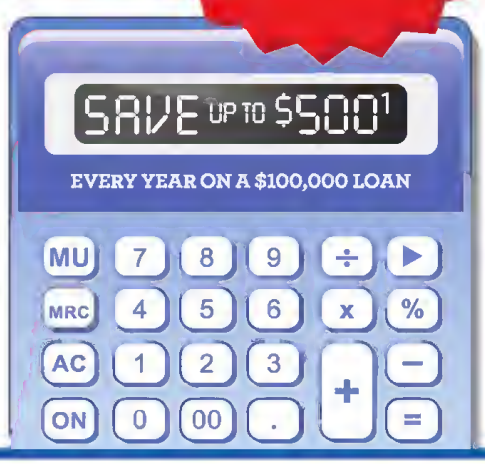

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TRILLIUM GRANT: ShortHills Cycling Club awarded $14,000

Funding helps rebuild trails at Short Hills

DAN DAKIN
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — With rakes and shovels and hoes in hand, the orange-shirted army heads down the gravel road and onto the trails.

They're a hardy hunch fuelled by homemade baked goods and coffee.

Their mission is simple: to make mountain biking better in Niagara. That all trail users from hikers to dog walkers to horse riders end up with a wide network of well-constructed trails in the region is a bonus.

With a trailer full of yard tools and gas-powered machinery that would make some municipalities jealous, the ShortHills Cycling Club has become the dominant trail-building crew in Niagara.

Since 2010, volunteers have spent more than 2,000 hours repairing multi-use trails and building new ones between Port Colborne and St. Catharines.

On Saturday, June 8, before heading out for another day of trail work at Short Hills Provincial Park, the club met with St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley to show off the trailer and tools that were purchased through a $14,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

The money from the province, as well as from corporate sponsors, has already been spent on enough trail-building gear to equip a crew of 45 volunteers at a time.

"It's probably the best-equipped trail-building trailer this side of B.C.," said SHCC president Tim Lee.

He said the trails inside Short Hills park had been badly in need of repair work.

"Within Short Hills, none of the trails were sustainable, they just evolved. They were getting badly rutted," he said. "There's still a lot of work to be done."

The trail repairs being done by the cycling club have helped mend what had been a somewhat tumultuous relationship between the various trail users in the park.

DAN DAKIN QMI Agency Niagara

Members of the ShortHills Cycling Club trail crew work on a section of trail at Short Hills Provincial Park in St. Catharines Saturday morning. The club was given a $14,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to purchase a trailer and equipment.

"It has brought more of an awareness to other user groups and how they perceive the park," said Short Hills Provincial Park superintendent Mark Custers. "A lot of this work just wouldn't get done if we didn't have that partnership."

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■ ARTS AWARDS

St. Catharines' best performers are honoured

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Artistic talent was recognized Saturday, June 8 at the annual St. Catharines Arts Awards. Awards were handed out in six categories at the event.

St. Catharines band The Bends took home the emerging artist award ahead of runners-up Carrie Costello, Dawn Chrysler and Jessie Richard. The established award went to dancer Mary Jo Mullins, who beat out Arnold McBay and Peter Shea.

The arts in education award went to Carousel Players while the making a difference award was given to Annie Wilson. Also nominated in that category were Juliet Dunn, Mendelt Hoekstra, Joe Lapinski, Eric Schmalz, Debbie Slade and Ross R. Stretton.

Rosemary Drage Hale beat out Mahtay Cafe and Mountainview Homes in the mayor's patron of the arts category and Debra McLauchlan edged the Golden Hammers in the volunteer in the arts category.

AROUND TOWN

PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL and Marine Museum, 280 King St., is now open daily from noon to 5 p.m. with free admission. Explore our newest exhibits from May to September: *O'y ya'h ohdiwena – Through the Voices of Beads*: See Iroquois beadwork, both historical and contemporary, and learn how this art still flourishes. This exhibit from Royal Ontario Museum illustrates how Iroquois beadworkers play a vital role in preserving cultural beliefs. *Treasures Unearthed*: Discover what archaeological treasures have been discovered in the layers of sediment in Port Colborne. For more information call 905-834-7604.

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TEEN TRADITION: Bad weather keeps kids in class

Beach Day a bust in Wainfleet

MARYANNE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

WAINFLEET — Mother Nature put her foot down last Friday.

Though Beach Day was scheduled to fill the shores of Lake Erie with thousands of sun-seeking teens, she simply wasn't having it — at least not last week.

The unsanctioned beach party, which has high schoolers skipping class to head to Augustine Beach in Wainfleet, was called off as grey skies, cool temperatures and even a little drizzle hit south Niagara.

Niagara Regional Police, who had been preparing for the annual event, cancelled its attendance on Thursday, June 6 after eyeing the weather forecast, said Staff Sgt. Chris Scotland.

Despite the dreary weather, a few officers still headed down to the beach Friday morning just in case a few people decided to "brave the elements," Scotland said, "but no one was there."

MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Niagara Emergency Medical Services paramedics patrol Long Beach in Wainfleet Friday as thousands of teens skipped school for the annual Beach Day tradition three years ago.

While the rescheduling of the event — now expected to take place Friday, June 14 — does cause "a bit of an issue from a staffing perspective," police were prepared for the possibility of a rain date, he said.

"We're ready to go for next week."

When she saw the weather forecast, April Jeffs assumed the beaches would be bare, Friday.

The Wainfleet mayor believes that having Beach Day rained out means less students will be inclined to flock to the sand the following week.

"By the time the weather is nice, it will have lost its excitement," she said.

"That's a good thing."

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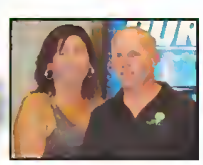

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